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**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

The following Amendments and Remarks are submitted for entry into U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 09/825,225 filed on April 3, 2001.

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**AMENDMENTS**

**In the Specification**

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121(b)(1)(iii), Appendix A contains marked up versions of the additional paragraph illustrating the newly introduced change in the specification.

Please add the following paragraph beginning on Page 1, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

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The U.S. Government has a paid-up license in this invention and the right in limited circumstances to require the patent owner to license others on reasonable terms as provided for by the terms of Cooperative Agreement No. 70NANB7H3041 awarded by the United States Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Advanced Technology Program (ATP).